

## MURDER OF CHITWOOD IS CHARGED

Hugh Pope Goes to Trial in District Court  
as Result of Killing at Minco; Nearly  
28 Hours Required to  
Get the Jury

## ACCIDENTAL SHOT IS DEFENSE THEORY

Host of Witnesses and Spectators Present;  
County Attorney Venable Outlines State's  
Evidence in Opening Statement  
Telling Story of Tragedy

At 11:50 this morning, lacking just  
ten minutes of twenty-eight hours  
from the time the selection of the jury  
to try Hugh Pope began, the last  
talesman was accepted and the jury  
sworn.

When the case of the State of Okla-  
homa vs. Hugh Pope, charged with  
killing Marvin Chitwood, at Minco,  
July 23, 1915, was called with the con-  
vening of court yesterday morning,  
both the state and the defense an-  
nounced ready for trial and the work  
of the selection of the jury com-  
menced.

Within a short time the regular pan-  
els had been exhausted and Judge  
Linn ordered special venire drawn,  
while the work of the selection went  
on. With the completion of the jury  
this morning, when the twelfth man  
was accepted by both the state and the  
defense, a total of seventy jurors had  
been examined as to their qualifica-  
tions. In speaking of the matter at the  
noon recess today, Judge Linn stated  
that the selection of this jury showed  
the highwater mark in Grady county in  
point of the length of time taken in  
making the selection as well as in the  
number of possible jurors examined  
by the attorneys in the case.

This is accounted for in part by the  
fact that many of the jurors drawn,  
as well as many of those who were on  
the regular panels reside now, or at  
some time prior to the present did  
reside in Minco, the town in which the  
killing took place.

Many are here from Minco as wit-  
nesses and many more are here from  
that city as onlookers at this trial.  
Possibly no trial since that of the  
State vs. Jess Taylor, acquitted of a  
similar charge by a jury in the district  
court last fall, has attracted as much  
attention as is being attracted by the  
trial of this case.

Friends of the accused and acquaint-  
ances of his and of the man killed are  
present in court for the purpose of lis-  
tening to the testimony which will  
tell how and why and where and when  
Hugh Pope shot and killed his former  
chum and warm personal friend, Mar-  
vin Chitwood.

The following jurors are sitting in  
the trial of the case: J. N. Butler, C.  
H. McElroy, J. A. Alexander, J. A.  
Weatherly, R. J. Gray, W. L. Chaffin,  
H. K. Ellis, W. W. Chapman, A. L.  
Earl, J. E. Martin, J. W. Wolford, J. T.  
Alexander.

As soon as the jurors had been sworn  
and the witnesses, over a score, for  
the state and the defense had been  
sworn court recessed until 1 o'clock,  
the jury being turned over to the  
charge of a court bailiff.

With the re-assembling of the court  
at 1 o'clock the county attorney stated  
to the jurors what the state would en-  
deavor to show in this matter. He  
said, in part, that it would be shown  
that a party of young men were in the  
Chitwood barber shop at Minco on the  
night of the killing and that the de-  
fendant was of the number; that at 12:40  
in the morning Marvin Chitwood started  
to close the shop; that the shop be-  
longed to Len Chitwood, father of the  
dead man; that defendant entered ob-  
jections to this action on the part of  
Marvin; that Marvin stated he had a  
right to close the shop whenever he  
pleased; that Hugh Pope, the de-  
fendant, began to "play with Marvin Chit-  
wood; that he slapped Marvin; that  
Marvin told him to "Quit, Hugh, I don't  
want any trouble;" that Hugh then  
slapped him and he ran; that he ran  
past the First National bank corner;  
that he went up to where his brother,  
Merl Chitwood was standing; that he  
told Merl the trouble and said the de-  
fendant would not leave the shop; that  
Merl asked, "Can't you whip Hugh

Pope?" that he said he didn't want any  
trouble; that Merl and Marvin return-  
ed to where the defendant and a wit-  
ness was standing; that Merl Chit-  
wood struck defendant and knocked  
him into the street and jumped a-  
straddle of him; that Pope got up and  
went down the street and the Chit-  
wood boys went down the street; that  
they later returned to the shop and  
began washing blood from where Merl  
had been cut in the leg; that Hugh  
Pope came back to the shop and told  
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## NO LONGER "TOO PROUD TO FIGHT"

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—In an ad-  
dress before two thousand preachers  
here this afternoon, President Wilson  
indicated plainly that he is no longer  
"too proud to fight."

In the course of his address, in  
which he dwelt at some length on his  
preparedness policy, the president said,  
"I always accept, perhaps by some im-  
pulse in my native blood, challenges  
to fight."

The speaker added that it was not a  
"case of knock down and drag out"  
with him, but a case of "putting up  
the best reason why your own idea  
should survive."

In an address before two thousand  
clergymen the president declared that  
the keynote of his Mexican policy was  
"justice without aggression."

## SUFF VIEW UNCHANGED

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—President  
Wilson told two hundred and fifty  
suffragettes here today that his view  
that suffrage should be decided by  
state legislatures, not by congress,  
were not changed.

The delegation sent three notes to  
the president at his hotel, before they  
received an answer. The president said  
he was too busy preparing speeches  
to receive them.

## EMPEROR HAS STROKE

By United Press.  
ROME, Jan. 27.—According  
to reports received by diplo-  
mats here today, Emperor Fran-  
z Josef of Austria has suffered  
two apoplectic strokes.  
The condition of the em-  
peror is said to be very criti-  
cal. No official confirmation  
of the reports has come from  
Vienna.

## ROB BANK AND ESCAPE IN AUTO

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Four masked  
boy bandits held up a score of of-  
ficials and employees and half a dozen  
patrons of the Washington Park Na-  
tional bank here today.

The young bandits secured \$13,000  
in cash and escaped in an automo-  
bile.

## WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma.

During twenty-four hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Oklahoma—Tonight, rain, colder;  
temperature, 4 to 10 degrees. Friday,  
Fair, not so cold.  
Local Temperature.  
Minimum, 53 degrees.  
Maximum, 17 degrees.  
Rain during 24 hours ending at 8 a.  
m., .66 inch.

## INCIDENT NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Funston's Advances Tend to Confirm Report  
of Capture of Two Soldiers and  
Drowning of Four Others;  
May Arouse Congress

## ARMY OFFICERS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE

Prompt Arrest for Miniature Invasion is  
Expected; Two Prisoners Captured are  
Returned to U. S. Unharmed; De-  
tails of Affair are Reported

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—The  
war department today received a dis-  
patch from General Funston tending to  
confirm the report that two American  
soldiers were captured by armed Mex-  
icans and that four others were drown-  
ed in the Rio Grande river when they  
were fired upon while swimming.

Officials here said the press reports  
of the incident gave no occasion for  
undue excitement, though it was  
thought possible that the affair might  
provoke another outbreak in congress.

It was pointed out that the Ameri-  
can soldiers had no right to be on  
Mexican soil and that Mexican offi-  
cials were acting within their rights  
if they placed them under arrest.

If the reports that American troops  
crossed the river to rescue Americans  
are true, it is expected that the Car-  
ranza commander will protest to Gen-  
eral Funston and that an exchange of  
apologies will close the incident.

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—  
Prompt approval of the arrest of the  
three American army officers who  
crossed the Mexican border yesterday  
was voiced by the war department to-  
day.

It is believed that court martial pro-  
ceedings are likely. A number of the  
general staff of the army declared that  
the action of the officers was "almost  
insane."

Prisoners Returned.

By United Press.  
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 27.—  
The two American soldiers who were  
captured by Mexicans yesterday were  
returned to American army officers  
this afternoon unharmed.

General Funston appears to have the  
situation on the lower border well in  
hand. Prompt arrest of the three  
American army lieutenants responsi-  
ble for the miniature invasion of Mex-  
ico is promised and this morning as-  
surance of co-operation in securing the  
release of the captured soldiers was  
given by Carranza officials.

Funston's official report of the af-  
fair yesterday afternoon says: "Four  
men of battery D, Fourth field ar-  
tillery, swam across the Rio Grande  
while they were stripped and bathing  
near Progreso at 3:30 Wednesday af-  
ternoon. Privates William Wheeler  
and Biggo Peterson were made prison-  
ers by three armed Mexicans and were  
taken into the interior. The others  
swam back."

"Lieutenant J. M. Mort, commanding  
the battery, with Lieutenants Peyton  
and Waldron and fourteen other men  
of the battery crossed the river an  
hour later and penetrated a mile into  
the interior, but they failed to find  
their comrades and were fired on  
while returning. Our men on this side  
covered their retreat."

"The following men were drowned  
while swimming to the other side:  
Owen West Clements, Corporal King  
Private Henry Rhode of battery D,  
Private Charles Wilton Best of  
troop A, Twelfth cavalry. Their  
bodies have not been recovered."

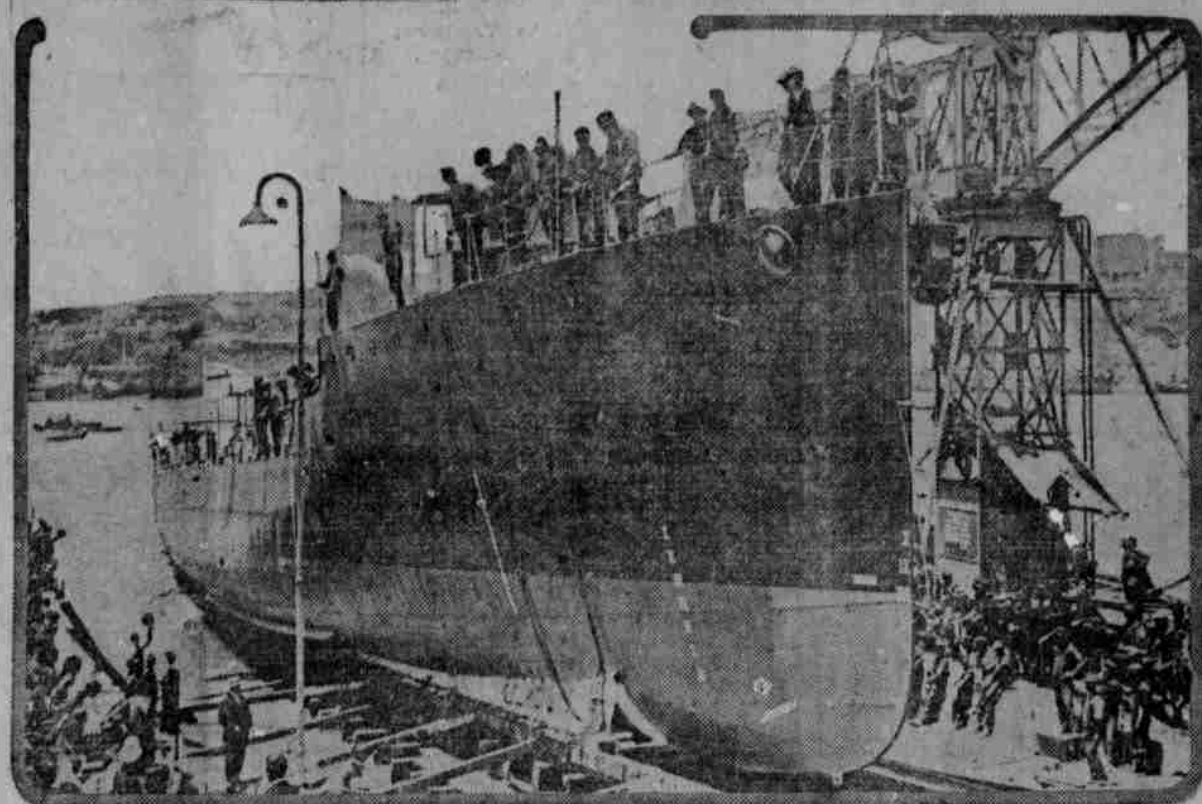
"Col. Hockison ordered the three  
lieutenants arrested. Captain Mc-  
Room of the Twenty-eighth infantry  
was placed in command. The Mexicans  
on the other side were not in mid-  
form."

AGAINST CONSCRIPTION.

By United Press.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—By an over-  
whelming majority the national labor  
conference today adopted resolutions  
strongly opposing conscription in any  
form.

## AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES A NEW WARSHIP



"I name this vessel the Swan," said Lady Cresswell, wife of Rear Admiral Cresswell of Australia, "and may she be as graceful in motion and as fierce in fight as her living namesake. Good fortune to her and to all that sail in her." Such were the wishes as the new Australian warship left the ways in the presence of a great assem-  
blage of federal and state government officials.

## N. SIDE OF STATE HIT BY STORM

Sleet Extends South to Enid; Wire Service  
Suffers; Cold Wind and Snow Flur-  
ries Here Early in Day; Little  
Delay on Railroads

Up to this morning the worst of the  
storm seemed to have spent itself be-  
fore reaching Chickasha. Reports from  
north, along the lines of the Rock Is-  
land state that snow and ice covered  
everything from Kansas City to the  
Kansas-Oklahoma line, that train serv-  
ice is badly demoralized to the north  
of Caldwell with telegraph wires down  
from Wichita north and east.

A heavy storm of sleet extended as  
far south as Enid, breaking down tele-  
graph and telephone wires and tearing  
branches from forest and orchard  
trees.

The local offices of the Pioneer tel-  
ephone company state that no materi-  
al damage has been done the lines of  
that company in the territory under  
the management of this division.

Telegraphic communication over  
both the Western Union and the Pos-  
tal companies report "good wires into  
Chickasha today, with no interruption  
at all."

Rock Island trains were running well  
on schedule this morning, the early  
morning southbound, however, running  
about one hour late out of Caldwell  
on account of delays from the north.

The Santa Fe branch from Chickasha  
to Purcell holds along as usual with no  
weather reports and running on  
near schedule. The Frisco west-  
bound was reported one hour late out  
of Oklahoma City, due to delayed con-  
nections with trains from the storm  
zone.

High winds and snow flurries made  
life miserable for all who had business  
in the open for the greater part of  
the day and peace and harmony pre-  
valled in the camps of the plumbers  
and coal dealers.

## DELAYED TRAFFIC AFFECTING MAILS

Mails have been coming in in a  
rather tangled condition for several  
days past, according to information  
given out by Assistant Postmaster Mc-  
Kenzie of the Chickasha post office.  
This has been caused by the heavy  
rains and floods which have prevailed  
throughout the south, central and east-  
ern portions of Oklahoma.

Mr. McKenzie stated this morning  
that with the most of the mail-carrying  
trains running late through this sec-  
tion and all of them carrying mails  
which have been delayed from two to  
three days by the floods in other sec-  
tions, the employees at the Chickasha  
office have had their hands just about  
full in giving the people of this city  
and surrounding community a good  
and prompt delivery.

## CALL FOR RELIEF BY COFFMAN

Mayor Issues Proclamation and Appoints  
Committee to Solicit Funds for Suffer-  
ing Jews in War Zone; Nine  
Million in Distress

Following calls from President Wil-  
son and Governor Williams for the  
observance of Jewish Relief Day,  
Mayor Coffman today issued a procla-  
mation designating today and tomor-  
row as days during which the people  
of Chickasha are requested to aid the  
many victims of war. The mayor  
also appointed a committee to solicit  
funds. R. W. Luman has been named  
as treasurer to take charge of volun-  
tary contributions and any amount  
turned over to him will be gratefully  
received. The mayor's proclamation  
is as follows:

"In compliance with the proclama-  
tion of the president of the United  
States and R. L. Williams, governor  
of the state of Oklahoma, I, O. Coff-  
man, mayor of the city of Chickasha,  
Okla., hereby designate January 27th  
and 28th as Jewish Relief fund days  
and appoint the following committee:  
J. W. Kayser, E. Hamilton, J. W.  
Speake, L. Erlich, S. J. Goldsmith and  
Harry Swartz to solicit funds to aid  
in relieving the great distress of  
nine million suffering and starving  
Jews in Europe, caused by the great  
war now on.

"O. COFFMAN, Mayor."

## MEETS TEXAS MAN WHO MADE GOOD IN GREAT GOTHAM

"While in New York recently," said  
Judge N. M. Williams a few days  
since, "I called on a living, breathing  
example of pluck and what pluck can  
do. But, I anticipate. Let me tell you  
first of a young man, poor as poverty,  
but determined to win, who worked  
his way through the Texas university  
a few years ago. This young man came  
from somewhere 'up state.' He was  
married and had a fair common school  
education to start with. He didn't  
have a dollar so far as anyone knew,  
but that did not interfere with his  
determination of obtaining an educa-  
tion."

"He got a job driving a street car  
at night while he attended his classes  
during the day. In the course of a  
few years he took his degree as a B.  
L. B. and went off somewhere to start  
in life as a briefless, but determined  
lawyer. The other day I walked into  
this former street-car-driver-student's  
suite of law offices in New York. His  
name is O. R. Oeland and he is now  
a \$50,000 per annum corporation law-  
yer in New York city."

B. Blanton and E. L. Blanton of the  
Superior Remedy Co. of Maple Hill,  
Kan., are visiting farmers in Grady  
county this week.

## GETS SHOT AND DRIVES TO DOCTOR

Officer Tuck, Chasing Dog in Auto, Misses  
Canine When Car Jumps and Sends  
Bullet into Fleshly Part  
of His Leg

Police Officer Leo Tuck accidental-  
ly shot and seriously wounded him-  
self this morning at 10:15 o'clock at the  
corner of Seventh street and Kansas  
avenue. Officer Tuck was in the po-  
lice department auto, chasing a mad  
dog when the accident happened.

The officer had started after the  
dog and had chased him for several  
blocks, trips at him several times.  
When near the corner mentioned  
above, as the car drew up on the dog,  
Officer Tuck raised his weapon for  
another shot at the fleeing canine,  
while seeking to steer the car with one  
hand. Just as the policeman pulled the  
trigger the front wheel of the car  
struck an obstruction and the wrench  
given the steering wheel deflected the  
officer's aim, the bullet plowing  
through the fleshy part of the left leg  
above the knee.

To a negro who was in the car with  
him at the time, Officer Tuck made  
the remark, "I'm shot" and turned the  
car around and drove himself to the  
Chickasha hospital. Dr. Livermore had  
the wounded policeman taken to one  
of the wards, where he dressed the  
wound. According to the statements  
given out at the hospital, the extent  
of the injury may not be immediately  
determined as the bullet from a 38  
S. and W. police special revolver,  
penetrated the limb near the nerve  
centers. Officer Tuck is reported  
resting easy.

## TEACHERS EXAMINED

The regular quarterly examination  
of Grady county school teachers is in  
progress in the office of the county  
superintendent and will continue  
through today (Thursday) and Friday  
and Saturday. Up to noon today ten,  
three men and seven women teachers  
had appeared and enrolled for the ex-  
amination.

Those who have enrolled thus far  
for the examination are Misses Sally  
McDonald of Bailey, Ethel Harmon of  
Chickasha, Etta Dunn of Chickasha, J.  
S. McCormick of Chickasha, Mary  
Lee Durham of Alex, Jennie Baker  
(col.) of Rush Springs, Messrs. R. J.  
Christian of Bailey, Olin G. Bell of  
Pocasset, Walter Wilson of Chicka-  
sha.

Superintendent Shepard stated this  
morning that probably a number of  
other teachers would enroll tomorrow.

## FORD FAILS FOR LACK OF "FAITH"

Peace Maker Proposed to Conquer War  
God by Mental Concentration but "Big  
Thought" Failed to Penetrate  
Minds of Belligerents

## DISSENSION EARLY DEVELOPED IN PARTY

Spirit of Leader Broken and He Moves  
Like Man in Trance; Delegates Desert  
Denouncing Management; Auto  
Salesman Stays on Job

By CHARLES P. STEWART,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15.—(By Mail.)—  
Henry Ford's peace mission failed for  
lack of "faith." According to his own  
statement faith was Ford's sole stock  
when he started. He had not enough  
and those who accompanied him, with  
a few exceptions, appear to have had  
but little.

Those of the party who really wish-  
ed the expedition well, were so bitterly  
lashed that an effort was made to ma-  
rion a number of them at the first  
European port touched. Ford's plan  
as nearly as it is possible to put so  
intangible a thing on paper, was to  
give the warring nations mental  
science treatment. Ford himself at  
the outset had unbounded faith in his  
ability. Despite the statement at-  
tributed to him that he intended to  
"get the boys out of the trenches  
by Christmas," he did not count on im-  
mediately ending the war.

What Ford did believe was that he  
could "make a dent" by gathering  
about him a whole ship's company,  
uniting the members' minds on one  
"big thought of peace," and continual-  
ly adding to the volume and intensity  
of this thought as he and his crusad-  
ers traveled from neutral country to  
neutral country, on the edge of the  
zone of war, or even in the zone it-  
self.

Whether this plan would have suc-  
ceeded under favorable circumstances  
can't be stated, because the peace  
delegates failed to concentrate on  
thoughts of peace. The Oscar II's voy-  
age from New York to Christiania was  
horrible, not so much because of the  
incessant quarrelling as on account of  
the atmosphere of suspicion and  
malice after the first day or two out.

Ford speedily took to his cabin and  
for more than half the trip was hard-  
ly seen by any but his closest advis-  
ers. He was ill, it was stated. The  
nature of the illness never was made  
clear. Several of the correspondents  
whom the expedition's managing com-  
mittee was trying to separate from the  
party did see the patient for a few  
minutes the night before the Oscar  
II's arrival at Christiania. It is true  
that he looked like a sick man, but  
his malady seemed rather of the spirit  
than the body.

Ford moved and spoke like a person  
in a semi-trance. He seemed almost  
completely broken. Early in the voy-  
age he declared that squabbling among  
the peace delegates was a small mat-  
ter, that disagreements were to be ex-  
pected in any community, and that  
when the party landed at Christiania  
these troubles would quickly disap-  
pear. On this night, however, his  
manner suggested that he realized the  
fundamental weakness of his organiza-  
tion—that he had lost hope.

While Ford admitted that he based  
his early hopes only on faith, Mme.  
Rosika Schwimmer declared she had  
written assurances from officials of  
all the neutral European governments  
that they would welcome such an ef-  
fort as the one undertaken by Ford  
and from men in high positions at the  
chancelleries of certain of the warring  
nations "on both sides" that they were  
at least not unfriendly to the plan. The  
second day of the party's stay in Chris-  
tiania Premier Kundsén of Norway  
denied the truth of her statement. Nu-  
merous cables received in Christiania  
from Mme. Schwimmer, addressed to  
peace organizations and discussing ar-  
rangements for the Ford party's re-  
ception and for co-operation in peace  
work, still lay in the Christiania tel-  
graph office because there were no  
such organizations to deliver them to.  
Those who opposed Mme. Schwimmer

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